

NDE Bulletin
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2010-2011 Curriculum Report Updates

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Districts should have received the Instructional Units Report from Approval and Accreditation. This is a paper report that reflects instructional units for courses offered in grades 9-12. Instructions for submitting any corrections were included with the report. Teachers Assigned Out of Endorsed Area and or Level and NCLB Non Qualified reports are located in the NDE Portal in NSSRS Validation under verification reports. Please review all these reports and if appropriate make corrections to the Curriculum Report, Staff Snapshot and/or Staff Assignment.

The Curriculum Report, available through the Portal under Data Collections, is open and available for corrections through April 22nd. No corrections to the Curriculum report will be accepted after April 22nd. HOUSSE forms will be accepted through 6/30/2011. An updated Instructional Units Report will be sent out after the Curriculum Report has closed.

NSSRS: 2011-2012 Instructions Available April 4

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The NSSRS calendar and instructions for 2011-2012 will be posted on the NSSRS Resources page of the NSSRS website (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs>) on April 4. 2011-2012 will be the first school year using the new NDE Staff ID and new staff data collection system for the **Staff Demographics** and **Staff Position Assignments** file specifications. Please refer to the Change Summary in Appendix A of each document for details. Also, please consider attending the "NSSRS 2011-2012: What's New" session at the 2011 State Data Conference.

REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA) Draw Downs

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An updated file has been posted at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/index.htm> under the Featured Documents section near the bottom of the page that lists the districts that received a REAP Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant award for fiscal years (FY) 2009 and 2010 and the unspent balance remaining for each grant. There is a separate tab at the bottom left of the spreadsheet for each fiscal year. Districts with remaining FY 2009 balances need to have obligated those grant monies by September 30, 2011 and MUST liquidate any obligated funds by December 30, 2011. **As of March 21, 2011: \$1,167,227.82 still needs to be claimed from the FY 2009 from schools in Nebraska.** For FY 2010 SRSA grant awards, districts need to obligate these funds by September 30, 2012 and liquidate them by December 30, 2012. Information on eligibility for FY 2011 should be available soon.

Education Jobs Program

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Effective April 1, 2011, school districts eligible to receive Education Jobs Program funding can begin submitting an addendum to their 2010-11 ARRA Stabilization Fund application in the Grants Management System (in the Portal) For budget purposes, school district allocation amounts are listed at

http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/SchoolFinance/StateAid/Downloads/1011/LB18_EducationJobsAllocation.pdf. Guidance and instructions are found at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/Edjobs.html>. Should you have further questions, contact Bryce Wilson at (402) 471-3323 (bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov) or Ron Theasmeyer at (402) 471-3570 (ron.theasmeyer@nebraska.gov).

Reminders!

Accountability Counts! The 2011 State Data Conference

Preliminary breakout session schedule and descriptions for the 2011 State Data Conference are now available. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.education.ne.gov/>

1512 Reporting (Open March 15 through April 5, 2011)

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Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district or ESU) through the ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program in the NDE Portal - Consolidated Data Collections (CDC) at <http://portal.education.ne.gov/>. The ARRA 1512 Reporting Section of the CDC will be open from March 15 through April 5, 2011 to report activity for the quarter ending March 31st. Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even if there has not been any payment(s) received or new jobs saved/retained. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf>.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information must be updated at least once a year and is a requirement for receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and reporting for Section 1512 of ARRA. Please check your registration to ensure that it has not expired or will not expire this year. You may check the status of your registration at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>.